



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

March 15th, 2015
Fourth Sunday in Lent



Rejoice!

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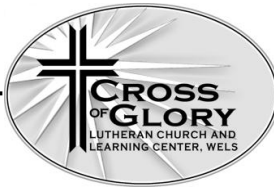
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

GATHERING RITE FOR LENT

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Refrain (Sung by choir and then repeated by congregation):



Choir: *A Son to shine in our darkness, a light to cast out despair. He comes to take away evil, and in his light we have life!*

Refrain (sung by congregation)

Choir: *And ev'ryone who believes will have eternal life. Lord, lifted up, we come to you with wonder, thanks and praise.*

Refrain (sung by congregation)

M: As we prepare to celebrate the wonder of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Choir: *Do not live in fear. Called to life, arise! Turn away from sin. O come, Lord, enter in.*

Refrain x 2 (sung by congregation)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



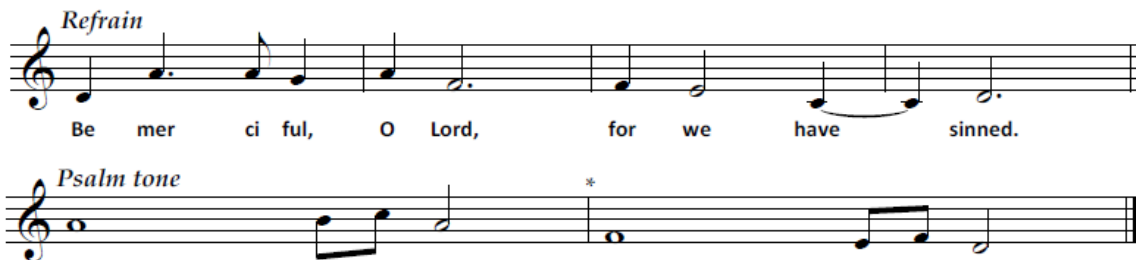
BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Numbers 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 38



M: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your 'anger *

C: or discipline me 'in your wrath.

M: For your arrows have 'pierced me, *

C: and your hand has come down u'pon me.

M: My guilt has over'whelmed me *

C: like a burden too hea'vy to bear.

Refrain

M: All my longings lie open before 'you, O LORD; *

C: my sighing is not hid'den from you.

M: I wait for 'you, O LORD; *

C: You will answer, O 'Lord, my God.

M: come quickly to 'help me, *

C: O Lord my 'Savior.

Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son*
and to the Holy ‘Spirit,
as it was in the be’ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. ‘Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 2:4-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved.⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY.....John 3:16

M: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

GOSPEL.....John 3:14-21

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Musical notation for the Gloria: Praise be to you, O Christ! The notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a half note E4, and a whole note D4.

C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY.....Lamb of God (#748)

SERMON ON JOHN 3:16: "So"

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

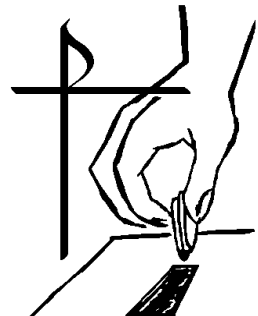
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

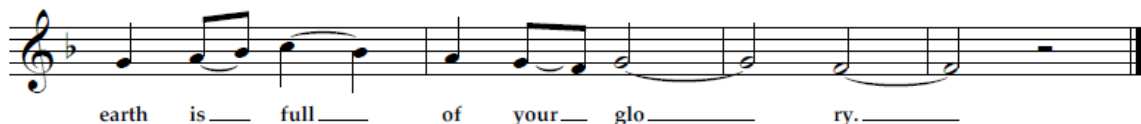
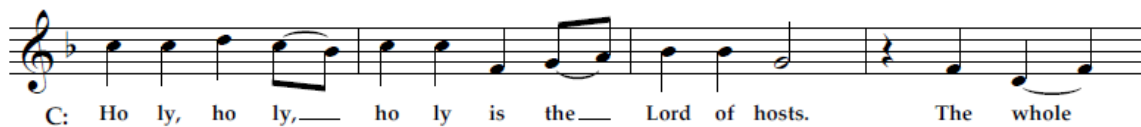
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on us.

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sin of the world; grant us your peace. A men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: God Loved the World So That He Gave (CW # 391)

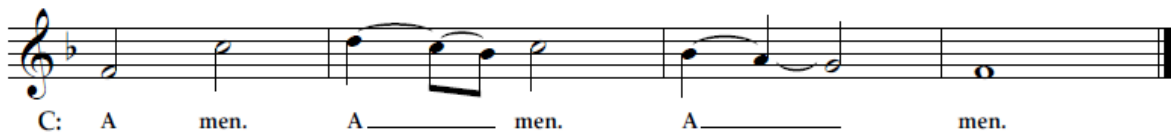
CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN.....There Is a Redeemer (#747)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday’s Attendance : Worship: ; Communion: .
Offerings to the Lord: General Fund -\$3962.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

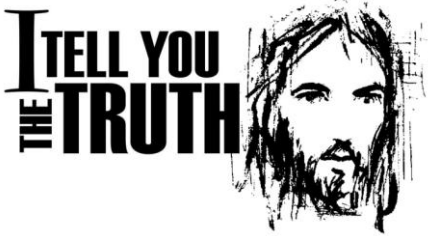
Tuesday (3/17):	7:00 p.m.	Bayou Servants for Christ
Wednesday (3/18):	10:00 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lent Worship
Friday (3/13):	6:30 p.m.	Western Front Bible Study
Sunday (3/22):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	5:30 p.m.	Pastor Hahm at King of Kings, Alexandria, LA

BAYOU SERVANTS FOR CHRIST THIS TUESDAY



The Bayou Servants will be meeting on Tuesday (3/17) at 7 p.m. All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.

LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND SOUP SUPPERS



On Wednesdays in Lent, we have soup suppers starting at 5:30 and an evening prayer service at 6:30. Our theme for our services this year is "I Tell You the Truth." Each service will focus on one of Jesus' attention-getting and faith-building statements, highlighted in the Scripture by the words, "I tell you the truth."

Mar. 18th - "You will disown me."

Mar. 25th - "If one dies, it produces life for many."

EASTER FOR KIDS ON MARCH 28TH



Our annual Easter for Kids event will be held on Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 - Noon. There will be music, crafts, Bible story and an egg hunt. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities for our members (a sign up sheet is in the church). This is a great event for children to come and bring a friend (or two)!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (April 2nd) - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday (April 3rd) - 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil (April 4th) - 8 p.m.

Easter Festival Service (April 5th) - 10:30 a.m.